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# Departure Efficiency Benefits of RNAV SID Operations — DFW and ATL Examples

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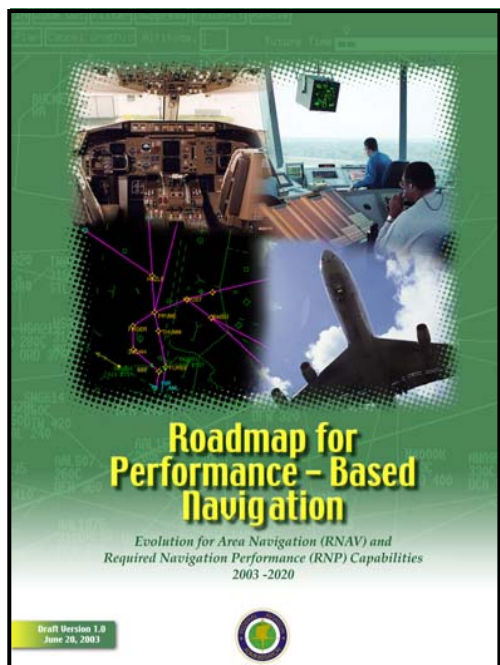
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# Performance-Based Navigation

## The Road Map



### FAA AC 90-100

**U.S. Terminal and En Route Area  
Navigation (RNAV) Operations  
January 2005**

## The Road Traveled

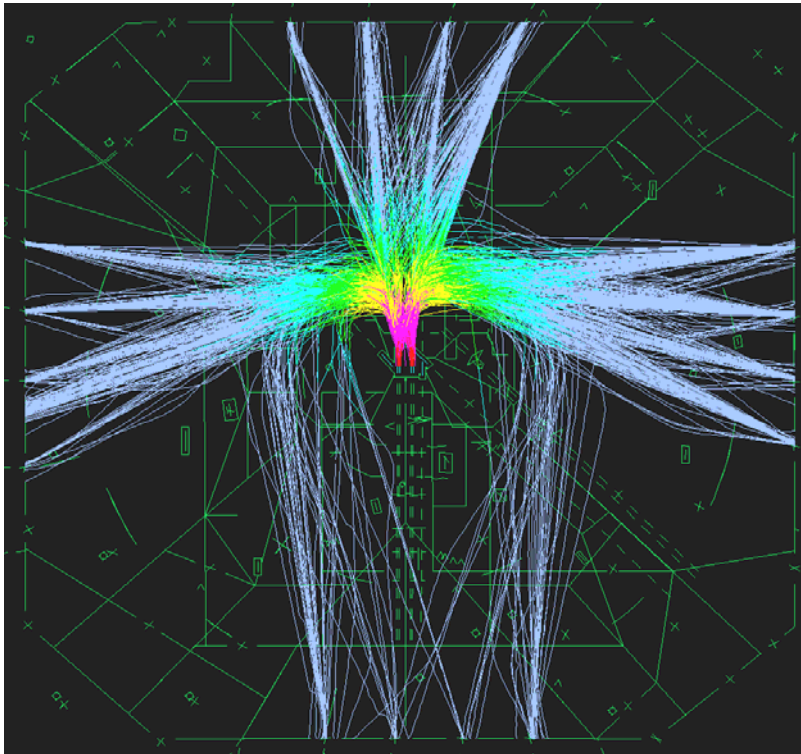
Airport	Date	Procedure	Status
Las Vegas (America West, Southwest)	Nov 2003	4 STARs and 5 SIDs	Post- implementation analysis
Dulles (United)	Jan 2005	4 STARs	Post- implementation analysis
Philadelphia (US Airways)	March 2005	2 STARs	Post- implementation analysis
Atlanta (Delta)	April 2005	4 STARs 13 SIDs	Post- implementation analysis
Dallas Fort Worth (American)	Sept 2005	16 SIDs	Post- implementation analysis



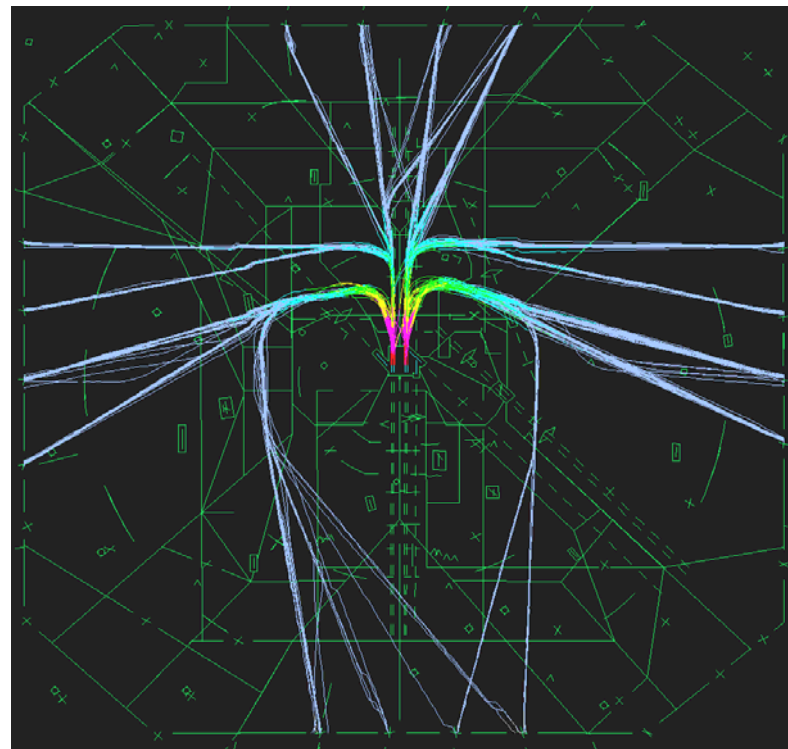
# RNAV Departure Operations

## DFW Example

### Pre RNAV Implementation Conventional Departures



### Post RNAV Implementation RNAV Departures





## Benefit Metrics

- **Pilot/controller communications benefits**
- **Departure efficiency benefits**
  - Fanned departure operations
    - Airport Capacity
    - Airport Delay
- **Route tracking benefits**
  - Flight Distance
- **Flight performance benefits**
  - Climb Altitude Profile
  - Climb Speed Profile
- **Environmental benefits**
  - Emissions



# Departure Efficiency Metric

- **Departure Efficiency**

$$\text{Departure efficiency} = \frac{\text{Number of departures}}{\text{Unit of time}}$$

- **Improving Departure Efficiency**

$$\text{Improved departure efficiency} = \frac{\text{Increased number of departures}}{\text{Unit of time}}$$



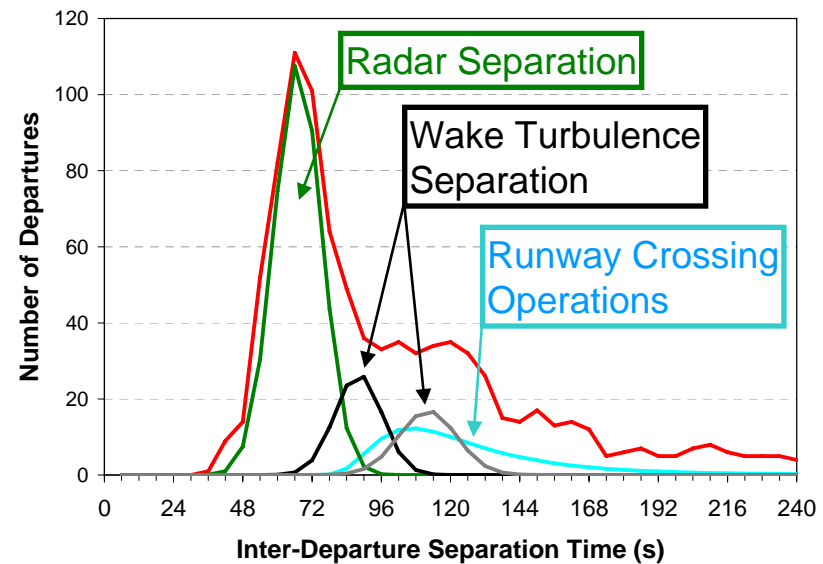
less time between departures  
(reduced inter-departure times)

- **Departure Efficiency Metric**

- **Inter-departure separation time distribution**



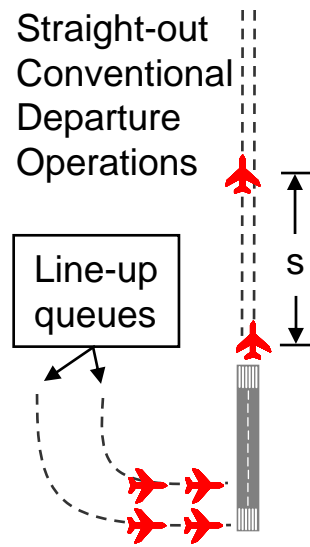
# Anatomy of a Departure Efficiency Metric





# RNAV-enabled Fanned Departure Operations

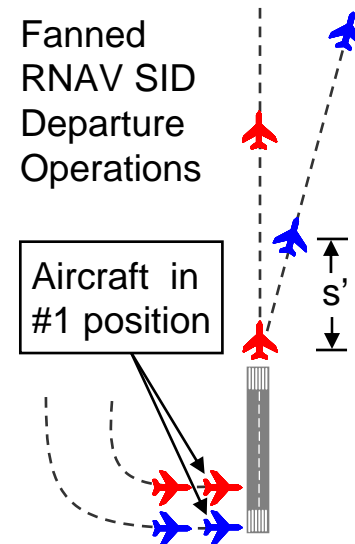
## Pre Implementation



### Applicable Separation Standards:

- Radar Separation  
(FAAO 7110.65, 5-5-4)
- Wake Turbulence Separation  
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## Post Implementation



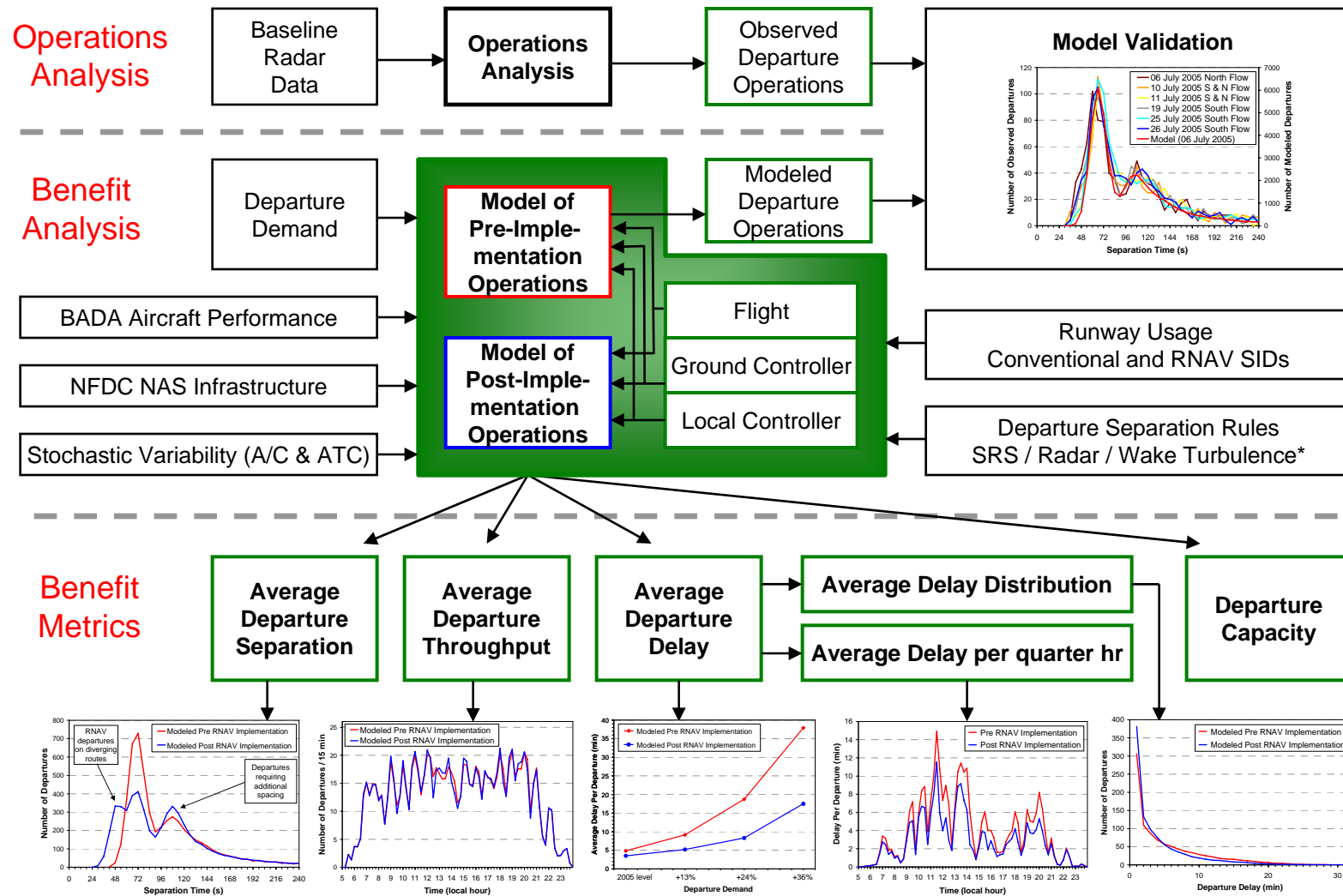
### Applicable Separation Standards:

- Radar Separation  
(FAAO 7110.65, 5-5-4)
- **Same Runway Separation  
(FAAO 7110.65, 3-9-6)**
- Wake Turbulence Separation  
(FAAO 7110.65, 5-5-4)





# Metric Evaluation Approach







## Key Assumptions

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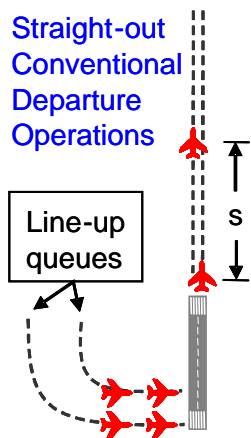
- ETMS-based departure demand subject to stochastic variability
- RNAV participation rates: 84% (current), 92%, and 100%
  - Additional spacing between some RNAV and non-RNAV departures
- ATC sequence optimization rate: 80%
- Traffic increased by 13%, 24%, and 36%
  - Corresponding to 2010, 2015, and 2020 forecasts



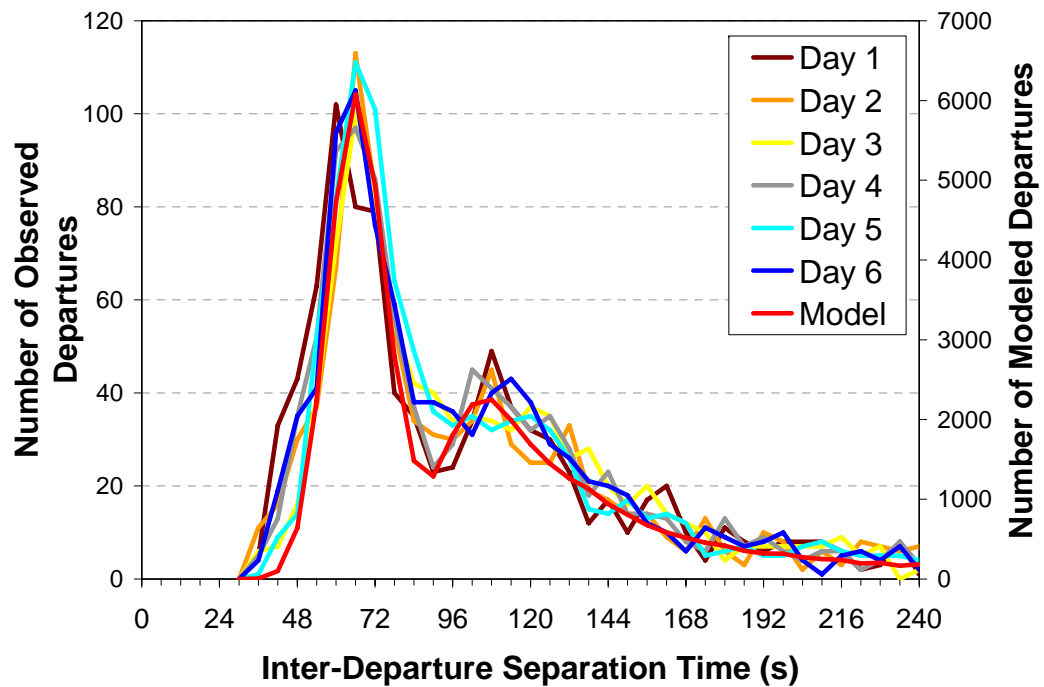
# Model Validation



Observed



Modeled



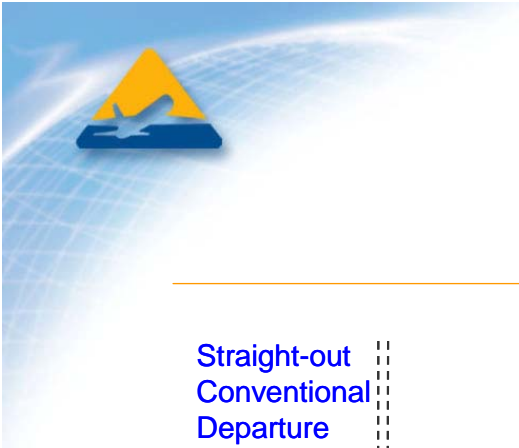
Results based on about 1,000 observed operations per day and approximately 50,000 modeled departure operations



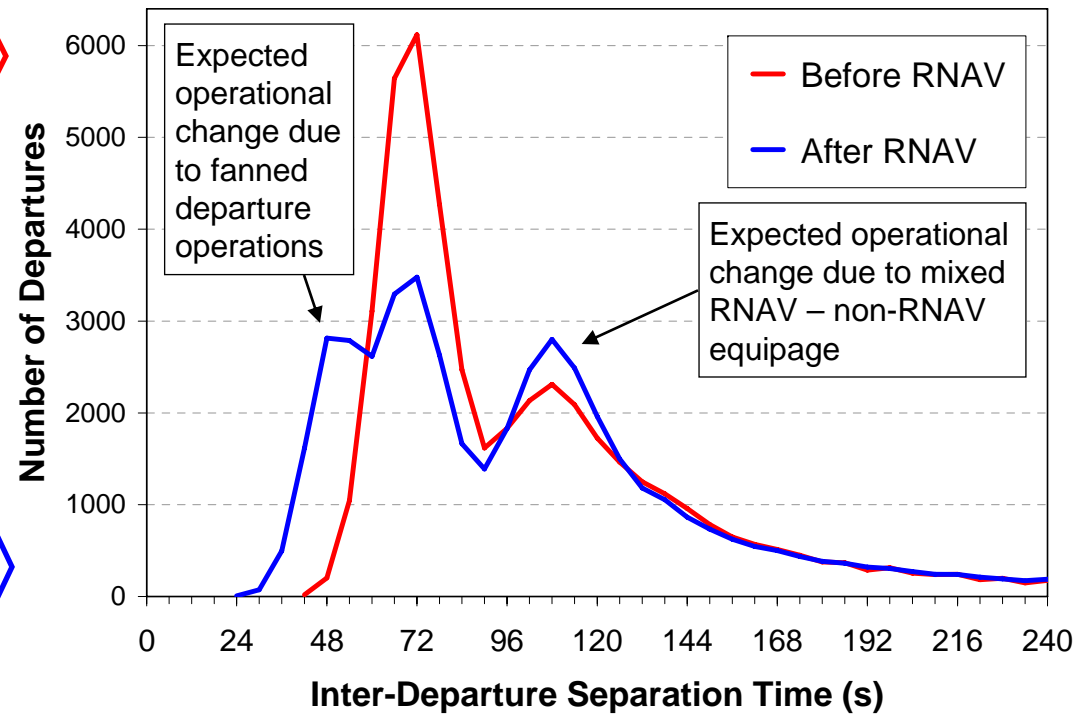
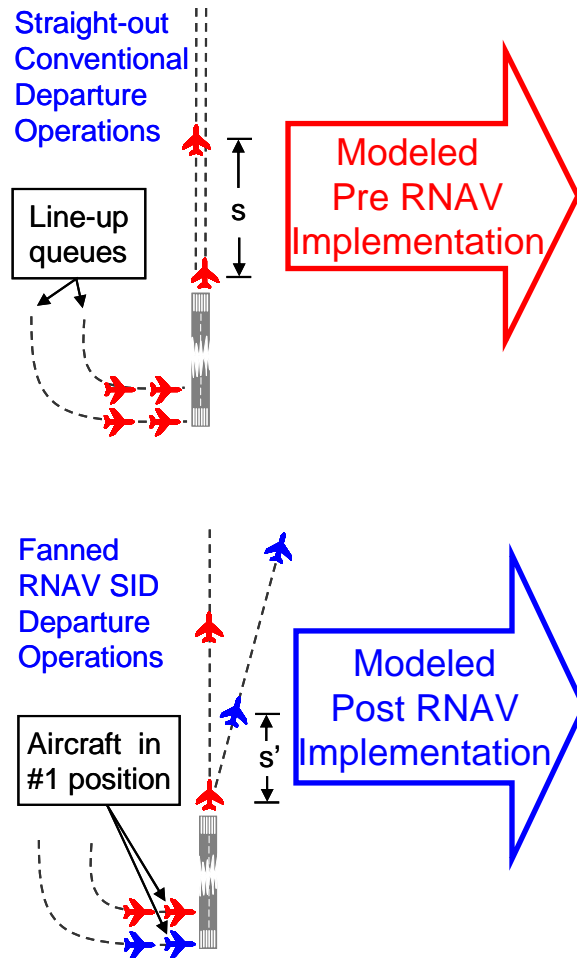
# Visualization of Operations

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- **Peak Demand Operations**
  - Example: no arrival-departure dependencies
  - **Conventional Departures (Baseline)**
    - Time compression factor: 10
  - **RNAV Departures (Alternative)**
    - Time compression factor: 10
    - RNAV participation rate: 100%



# Modeled Departure Efficiency

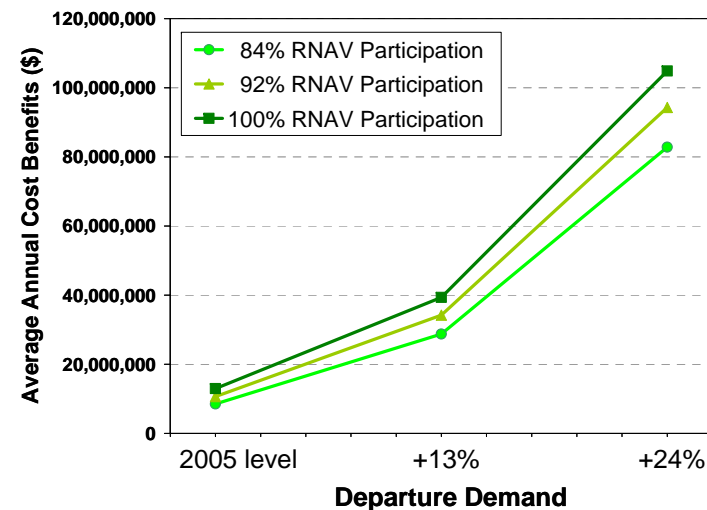
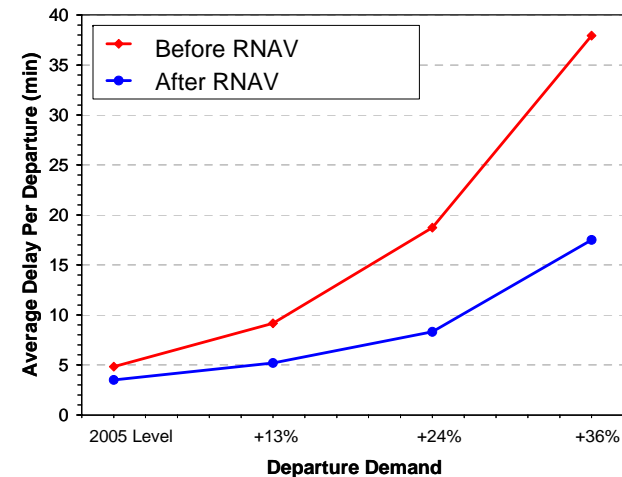


Results based approximately 50,000 modeled departure operations per modeled scenario



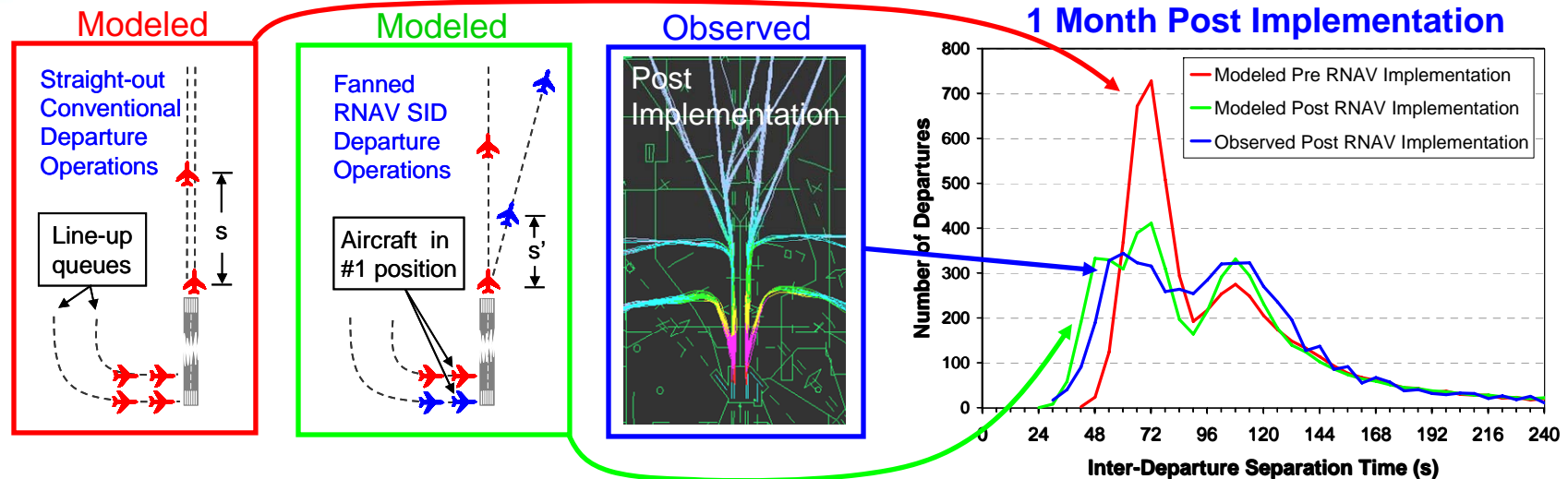
# Modeled Departure Efficiency Benefits

- **Airport departure capacity gain**
  - 11 to 20 additional operations per hour (84% to 100% RNAV participation)
- **Average departure delay reduction per aircraft**
  - 1.3 minutes (Pre – Post Impl.)
    - 2005 Level of departure demand
- **Annual departure delay reduction benefits to users**
  - \$8.5 million/year
    - 84% RNAV participation
    - 2005 Level of departure demand

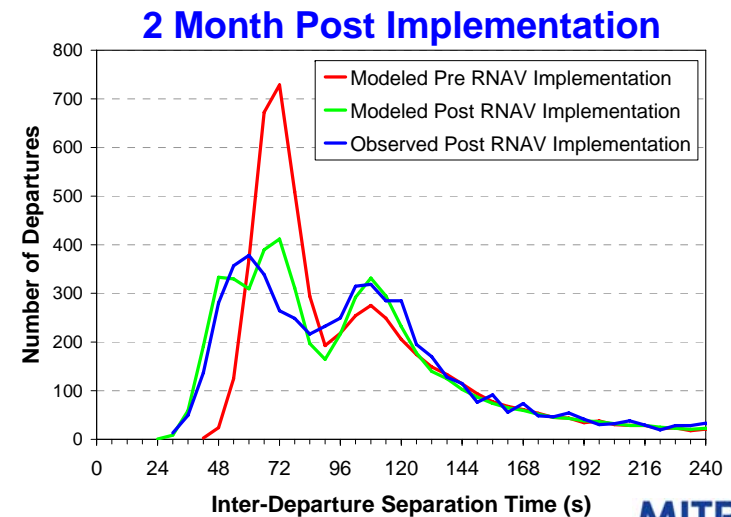




# Validation of Departure Efficiency Benefits



- **Validation of Model Estimates**
  - Observed operational changes indicate that departure separation efficiency benefits were largely realized within the first two months after implementation





## Summary of DFW and ATL RNAV SID Benefits

- **Separation Efficiency Benefits**
  - **Annual departure delay reduction benefits to users**
    - **DFW** 84% RNAV participation \$8.5 M/year
    - 92% RNAV participation \$12 M/year
    - **ATL** 2006 revision (East ops) \$11 M/year
    - Proposed revision (E & W ops) \$28 M/year
- **Next Steps**
  - **Post-implementation evaluation at ATL**
  - **Design optimization**
    - Procedure / airspace design
    - Increased use of route divergence
  - **Procedural separation standards**





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